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The **Nature***Kenya* Newsletter — July 2000

WHAT'S NEW!

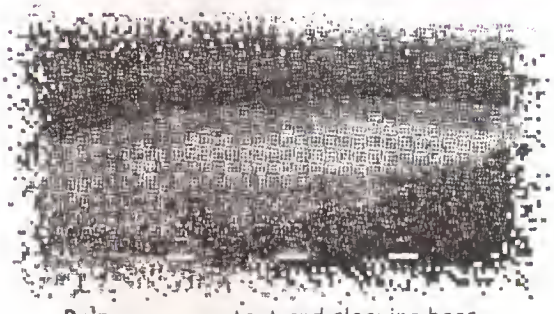
Report on Nature Kenya at the CONFERENCE OF PARTIES (COP) OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY(CBD) next month

ACTIVITIES

EXCURSIONS

CAMPING WEEKEND AT NDABIBI ESTATE, CRATER LAKE

Friday 28 - Sunday 30 July, Guided birdwalks and hike round the rim



Bring your own tent and sleeping bags.

Facilities, long drop toilet, hot showers, security.

Friday 28 July, meet at 3:15 p.m. at the National Museum car park for a 3:30 p.m. **prompt** departure.

Sunday 30 July, 3.30 p.m. departure from Ndabibi.

Cost per person, 3000/- includes food, not drinks.

Book and pay by, 15 July at the Nature Kenya office. Minimum of 12 members.

KENYA MUSEUM SOCIETY KNOW KENYA COURSE

CHANGE OF DATES: The eight day course will now run from 7 - 16 November (excluding the weekend).
For details, call the *Kenya Museum Society office on tel. 02-750 136 or email: kms@africaonline.co.ke*

TALKS & VIDEOS

FLYING FOR GOLD

Birds are highly specialised creatures: there are some that run as fast as speeding cars; some that swim three times faster than the fastest ever human; one that dives on its prey at 180km/h.

Those who will watch the Olympics Games taking place later this year will see man at his most competitive and most varied. But how do we match up to the feathered athletes and are there enough gold medals to go around?

As a prelude to the video there will a bird identification contest between two teams made up of birders from the Wednesday Morning Birdwalk.

Don't miss this exciting evening!

Monday 10 July '00, 5:30 p.m. at the National Museums of Kenya, Louis Leakey M. Hall Transport to town available.

SUCCULENTA GARDEN VISIT

Saturday 1 July, 10:00 a.m.

Visit to Jackie McConnell, Dagoretti Road, Karen, to see her interesting collection of succulents. Please bring something for the coffee table. For directions refer to the April issue of Succulenta News or call Jenny on 892041 for further details.

Editor, **Catherine Ngarachu**

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

POT LUCK OUTINGS

Bird-watching outings held on every third Sundoy of the month, ***i.e.* 16 July**. Bring a picnic lunch, binoculars, field guides, *etc.* ond meet at 9:00 am at the Notionol Museum cor park. Those attending decide on the venue - hence "Pot Luck".

TREE WALK

Arboretum guided Tree Walks on the last Monday of every month i.e. **31 July from 9:30 a.m.** Meet ot the FONA offices beside the Girl Guides HQ.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIRDWALKS

Bird watching walks at sites in and around Nairobi. Meet at the National Museum cor park every Wednesdoy at 8:45 o.m. Return about 12:30 p.m. Those who ore not members con get temporory membership at Kshs 100 per birdwalk, poyable on arrival at the car park.

ARABUKO SOKOKE (COAST)

The Saturdoy birdwotch with the Arabuko Sokoke Forest Guides Association is on the first Saturdoy of eoch month i.e. **1 July, at 6:30 a.m**. from the Visitor Centre, Gede. Cost 100/- per person.

DECLARATION

Noture Kenya does not accept ony responsibility whotsoever in respect of negligence of ony of its staff, volunteers or members organising the outings/trips or for ony for loss, injury, death or damoge to property.

JULY DIARY

Sat 1	Succulento Garden Visit
Wed 5	Birdwolk
Wed 12	Birdwolk
Sun 16	Pot Luck
Wed 19	Birdwolk
Wed 26	Birdwalk
Fri 28 - Sun 30	Ndobibi Estate
Mon 31	Tree Walk

RESEARCH AWARDS

Robert S. McNamara Fellowships Program

Applicant Information: 2001 Cycle

The Progrom annually awards Fellowships to support innovative ond imaginative post-groduate reseorch in oreas of socio-economic development - specifically focusing on issues critical to improving the lives of the most vulnerable in society.

The research must be corried out in the applicant's own country, or country of residence at the time of application. This Program does not provide financial support for an advanced degree (this includes field work for o Ph.D. degree).

Fellowships ore owarded for o period of twelve months ond the omount of the award is US$7,500. No other costs will be considered.

Forms for the 2001 cycle are available from all World Bonk Resident Missions, reference RSM/01/1. All requests for application forms must be received in Washington, DC by August 15, 2000.

Job Opportunity

HEAD, EUROPEAN FOREST PROGRAMME

The Heod of the Programme supervises a decentrolised teom of Forest Co-ordinators ond liases closely with interested porties in the WWF Network as well as other NGOs, business, internationol institutions and governments. Communications, marketing ond fund-raising are also important ospects of this position.

If you are interested in this position, pleose send o covering letter ond CV to: Miriam Fuhrer, Human Resources Department ot WWF Internotionol, Avenue du Mont Blonc, 1196 Glond, Switzerlond. Emoil: mfuhrer@wwfint.org by 15 July 2000.

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NOTICES

Research that needs your help!

Nicodemus Nalianya, is on intern with the Ornithology Department, Museums. He is assisting with a study of the ecology and evolution of Bishops ond Widowbirds.

He requests that you contact him on 742131 ext 242 or 243, or email: kbirds@africoonline.co.ke with any sightings of *breeding colonies* of these species, which he intends to trap and sample.

Bird Hotline

Golden-tailed Woodpecker
Amboseli Notionol Pork/ Jun
Dudley Lucas

Brown Parrot
Kabazi, Nakuru/Jun
Bernard Chege, Su Sheng-hun

Black and White Cuckoo
UNEP, Gigiri/Jun
Wednesday Morning Birdwalk

Straw-tailed Whydah, Long-billed Pipit, Fawn-coloured Lark, Southern Grosbeak Canary
Olosho-oibor Pri Sch., Ngong Hills/May
Shailesh Patel

Green Heron, Goliath Heron
Windsor Golf & County Club/May
Mr. & Mrs. Himes, Kuria Ndung'u

Quail Finch, Shelley's Francolin, White-headed Barbet, White-bellied Canary, Buff-bellied Warbler, Spot-flanked Barbet, Red-bellied Tit
Nairobi National Park/May
Philip Buckley, Kuria Ndung'u